

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002

**Two days till launch  
of STS-109 at  
6:48 a.m. Thursday**



**KSC groups honor  
Women's History  
Month with training  
seminar March 6**



**▲ Mission  
Update:**

The STS-109 crew arrived early Monday morning to begin final preparations for launch.

Countdown

began at 10 a.m. Monday; daily Countdown Status Briefings are being televised daily at 9 a.m. on NASA TV until launch, which is scheduled at 6:48 a.m. EST Thursday.

**▲ Celebrating Women's History Month (March):**

The Space Coast Chapter of Federally Employed Women (FEW), partnering with the Federal Women's Program Working Group, is sponsoring the 23rd Annual FEW Training Seminar on Wednesday, March 6, with an encore presentation on Thursday, March 7. Cost is \$70. Registration deadline is Feb. 27. Titled "Prelude to 2002 - Magic and Space - Dreams in Progress," this exceptional day of training at the Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach, is designed to help cope with the changes and challenges that lie ahead in the workforce and in life. Being offered are two workshops; keynote speaker Nancy Lewis; luncheon speaker Andrea Shea King; and the chance to meet people from Brevard County, Kennedy Space Center, local business and service exhibitors. For further information, please contact Seminar Chair Becky Fasulo, at (321) 867-4436, FAX (321) 867-8599, or e-mail [Rebecca.Fasulo-1@ksc.nasa.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Fasulo-1@ksc.nasa.gov).

◆ **The KSC Scuba Diving Club** is happy to announce

the following scuba diving opportunities for the employees of KSC and their families. **Cozumel Mexico**, July 6 - 13. Package price is \$1218 per person double occupancy and includes lodging at the Plaza Las Glorias Hotel, 5 days of scuba diving, airport to hotel transfers, round-trip airfare from Orlando. Please contact Beth Shaffer at 453-6522 or [bbshaffr@aol.com](mailto:bbshaffr@aol.com). Cutoff for reservations is March 31.

**Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles** in the southern Caribbean Sea, Sept. 28 – Oct. 5, 2002. Package price is \$1050 per person double occupancy and includes lodging at Buddy Dive Resort, 6 days of scuba diving, one rental car per condo unit, full breakfast, airport to hotel transfers, and roundtrip airfare from Miami. Please contact Max Farley at 452-1435 or [maxfarley@earthlink.net](mailto:maxfarley@earthlink.net).

**◆ Check Out The Newly Designed Environmental & Energy Awareness Week Web Site --**

The Environmental & Energy Awareness Week will be held April 22-24. Mark your calendars and watch for a Schedule of Events! Also, check out their new web site from the KSC Internal Home Page *Upcoming Events* block or at <http://environmental.ksc.nasa.gov/eeaw/eeaw2002/index.htm>. A special thanks goes to the *JBOSC Web Development Team* for designing the EEAW web site.

◆ **Did You Know?** Researchers using a space-age device called a bioreactor have grown patches of heart tissue that beat and respond much like a real human heart. Eventually such lab-grown "patches" could be used to repair heart defects or to replace tissue damaged in a heart attack. Read the full story at [http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2002/14feb\\_heart.htm?](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2002/14feb_heart.htm?)

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**Deadlines: 10 a.m. the day before. Send information, comments or questions to:**

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